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FOR GUTU KILLINGS:

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1. RESS ACCOUNTS STATE THAT BISHOP MUZOREWA VISITED SURVIVORS OF THE GUTU TRIABLETRUST LAND FIREFIGHT OVER THE WEEKEND IN THE HOSPITAL AT FORT VICOTORIA. AFTERWARDS, MUZOREA SAID THAT THE CORRECT NUMBER OF DEATHS WAS 105 AND THAT THE RHODESIAN SECURITY FORCES WERE TO BLAME FOR THE INCIDENT. HE SAID THAT IT WAS CLEAR THAT

"FORCES (ARE) AT WORK TO FRUSTRATE THE CEASEFIRE" AND UNCLASSIFIED

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THEY WERE NOT JUST THOSE LED BY THE EXTERNAL PATRIOTIC FRONT LEADERS.

2. MEANWHILE, PRESS ACCOUNTS STATE THAT OVER THE WEEKEND VIOLENCE BROKE OUT BETWEEN MUZOREWA AND SITHOLE SUPPORTERS IN TWO OR THREE SALISBURY TOWNSHIPS. THE VIOLENCE BEGAN ON THE NIGHT OF MAY 19 WHEN ZANU SUPPORTERS OF SITHOLE WERE PREPARING FOR A RALLY. FIGHTING REPORTEDLY BROKE OUT AND A RUNNING BATTLE ENSUED OVER A

WIDE AREA AND LASTED INTO THE NEXT DAY. OVER 40 PERSONES WERE
REPORTED INJURED AND 90 YOUTHS WERE ARRESTED.
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